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SITE SELECTED FOR SMETHPORT CUTLERY PLANT.

The Company Has Been Given a Free Site On the South Side.

CORNER OF BANK & NELSON STREETS

Is the Place—The Smethport Land & Improvement Company Donates the Site—Everything in Readiness to Begin Operations as Soon as a Charter Can be Obtained.

The plant for the Smethport Cutlery will be located on the south side, at the corner of Bank and Nelson streets. This site was decided upon a few days ago by Charles McKean and S. L. Fry, representatives of the Cutlery Company, and a committee from the Smethport Land & Improvement Co.

There had been two sites in consideration, one from the Shawmut Railroad Company and the other from the Land & Improvement Co., but as the latter were willing to give a clear title to the land that site was selected. The Shawmut people would only give a site in consideration that the cutlery company guarantee them a certain amount of freight per annum and this the latter did not wish to do. The Smethport Land & Smethport Company will give the Smethport Cutlery Company a deed to the property as soon as operations begin in the plant.

To this company the people of this borough need to extend a vote of thanks for it is a generous act on their part, especially when it is taken into consideration the amount of land that is given and the desirability of it for building purposes. The dimensions of the land are 198x103 feet, or the size of three regulation borough lots. It is a most desirable location as the land is high and dry and will be well protected in case of fire as there are two hydrants in the immediate neighborhood, one at the corner of Bank and Nelson streets and the other at the corner of Willow and Nelson streets, or only one block away.

As to the nature and plans of the building we are unable to state with the exception that the factory will be a two story frame structure about 100x32 feet in size. A representative of the company informed us yesterday that in a few days a charter will be granted and then preparations will begin toward the erection of the building and the work will be pushed to completion with as much haste as possible. Mr. Eckert, the superintendent, will arrive within a few days and then the necessary machinery will be ordered so as to have it here by the time the building is finished.

To some persons it may seem as if this is not a desirable location for the factory because of it being a considerable distance from railroad facilities, and to counteract this we learn that a thorough investigation in Bradford, Eldred and other towns having cutlery plants revealed that they are not built in close proximity to the railroads. After the lumber, machinery, etc., have arrived there is not much use for railroads because most of the product is shipped by express. Another very good reason for building on the south side is to give the property owners of that locality a chance. For they have paid taxes to help other sections of the borough and the result has been that the other sections have greatly increased in value, while that locality has not increased with the rapidity of the others. With the establishing of the cutlery plant in that neighborhood it will tend to place in that neighborhood it will tend to place a higher valuation on property.

There is still stock in the plant which can be obtained by any persons so desiring of Charles McKean, president of the company, who will be pleased to give any information that is desired.

Special Argument Court.

On Monday, March 18, there will be a special session of the McKean county courts, at which time an opportunity will be given to all the churches to comply with the act of assembly of 1905.

The law requires the churches to elect trustees by the lay members of the congregation, or some person or persons controlled solely by the members of the congregation. Most of the church charters in this section of the state and in fact, in all parts of the commonwealth do not comply with the law in this particular and unless they amend their charters will be disolved as corporations.

The object of the act is to prohibit bishops, preachers and individuals from controlling the church property, and the act requires the churches to amend the charters so that it will be held by a person or persons controlled by the lay members of the congregation.

Before buying a suit case or traveling bag call and look over my stock.
CHARLES LEBOLDUS.

Harrisburg Letter.

Things are lively on Capitol Hill these days. Both houses are crowding in legislation as fast as possible and large crowds of spectators interested and otherwise visit this magnificent building. Many are interested in the passage or defeat of certain measures and others are merely sightseers. The local option bill which is still in committee, is getting a good deal of attention and petitions for and against the measure are coming in by the hundred. The member who does not receive one or more of these important documents daily feels that he either is not considered of much account or that he is being slighted. The writer did not think there was as many people in the world as there is names on these petitions and yet the Frogs have not as yet been heard from, officially.

An act which was killed last week was the proposed constitutional amendment for a bond issue of $25,000,000 for road building, negatively acted upon by the committee. This is the bill introduced by Mr. Moore of Allegheny, who is trying to have it reconsidered by committee.

The House also killed the bill providing for an investigation of the English sparrow and its habits, when the measure came up on final passage.

Last week R. B. Stone, L. C. McKinney, Herbert Straight, O. F. Thompson of Bradford and John Barclay of Mt. Jewett attended a hearing before committee on the bills introduced by Mr. Habgood, relating to holding railroad companies responsible for forest fires caused by sparks from their engines and the damages incurred.

Mr. Habgood of McKean, presented a bill making it the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to ascertain annually and compile the comparative rates or measures and methods of valuation for taxation in the respective school districts of the State in order to afford an equitable basis of apportionment of State appropriations. Mr. Habgood also introduced a bill, an amendment to the act distributing the school appropriation, so as to substitute for the number of taxables as a basis the comparative rate of taxation and altering the proportions of the distribution.

The House passed finally the bill making it a misdemeanor to make false entries in books and exhibiting false papers in any bank, trust company or building and loan association.

The Senate bill to establish county associations of school directors was passed finally.

The House passed finally the bill amending an act, empowering boroughs without petitioning property owners to grade, pave and curb and macadamize public streets when said streets do not exceed 500 feet in length.

The Senate passed finally the bills to prevent entry upon lands by eminent domain without notice in writing, and the House bill regulating killing and possession of water fowl.

The Senate passed the bill increasing the salaries of the Members of Assembly to $125 per month for the full term of two years, making their salaries just double what they have been in the past. This is a naturally modest house but as long as the Senate acted on the bill first we have reason to believe that this measure will also pass the House, owing to the fact that this bill will not be in effect during their present term.

A bill passed the House on Tuesday providing for the establishment of schools for adults, including foreigners.

A bill passed the Senate providing for retirement of officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania who have reached the age of 64 years.

The House bill enabling the Burgess and Council of a borough or incorporated town, by ordinance, to annex adjacent territory in the same or adjoining county upon petition of the majority of the freehold owners.

On Monday Governor Stuart signed the following bills: Empowering city clerks in cities of the third class to administer oaths; requiring surety to be given for payment of amounts ordered by courts for maintenance of wives and children; repealing an act relative to contracts based on warehouse receipt and bills of lading; authorizing transfer to general funds of counties balances of money remaining from collections made under the sidepath tax law of 1899; authorizing county solicitors to appoint and employ stenographers in counties having over 250,000 and less than 500,000 population and extending the act relative to burial of honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War to soldiers and marines who served in the war with Spain.

The opponents of local option had a hearing in the House Tuesday evening before the Law and Order committee and put forth their side of the question. "A very enjoyable time was had by all who participated"—after the meeting was over.

For Sale.

An incubator and brooder for sale. Inquire of F. W. Backus, East Main St., Smethport, Pa.

WANTED.—Girls wanted at the Grand Central Hotel.

Eunice Wright Colegrove.

Eunice Hayford Wright was born in Kanona, Steuben county, N. Y., November 21, 1821. She was one of seven children, which made up the family of Erastus and Lydia Wright. Of this family there now remains only one sister, Mrs. Lydia Anderson of Jackson, Michigan. When a little past the age of sixteen Miss Wright came into McKean county as a teacher at Norwich and during this time made her home at Smethport, in the home of her brother, the Rev. Alpha Wright, who was then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in this place.

While a resident here she became acquainted with William J. Colegrove, her future husband, and on Jan. 20, 1841, they were married. For nearly two score of years they had their home at Colegrove, Pa. To them were born five children, Harriet Amelia Saunders of Portland, Oregon; Alpha William Colegrove of Smethport; Lydia Sophia Lewis of Coudersport, Pa.; Clarence Melville Colegrove of Smethport, and Wilmot Colegrove, who died at the age of four years.

In 1880 the family came to Smethport and here Mr. Colegrove died May 26th, 1893. Mrs. Colegrove was in her usual health until Saturday, March 2. Then, owing largely to her extreme age, there came a general giving away of the system, and after a few days of great weakness and suffering she ended this life, peacefully and quietly, on the afternoon of Monday, March 11th.

For more than three score of years Mrs. Colegrove was a resident of this borough and vicinity. She was one of those heroics spirits whose energy, integrity and high purpose have touched with so fine a meaning the word pioneer. She had a rugged personality that could only be busy with things that are worth while, and that only genuine natures could understand and appreciate. The active years of her life were given to such service as makes the world rich. With her own hands she spun the flax and wove the wool that she wore as a bride. With her hands she labored as a helpmeet in days when tasks were many and heavy and when conveniences were few.

She had a strong constitution and, in addition, the qualities of mind and heart that go to make up a thorough going and sincere character. The divinest thing on earth is the home. The divinest task on earth is to be the presiding genius over the home. She was wise enough to see this and true enough to find a highest happiness in living in the ideal. It is beyond question that she sought with fidelity and a complete devotion to make her home a sanctuary. Beyond the home and its interests there was one other institution—the church. About these two clustered her affections and to them she gave her love and an unstinted service. As she loved her home so she loved her church. In these two she found opportunities too sacred to be slighted and of such worth as to overshadow all lesser things.

She loved her church and its hours of prayer and praise, she loved the people of God, she rejoiced when Christ was honored, she wept when He was not. Her thoughts, her prayers, her service, her money was always freely given for every cause of Christ. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister" was her motto and she saw and felt the need of others, and in serving them found in life a purpose and a joy.

"Her song was only living aloud,
Her work a singing with her hand."

The funeral services are being held from the Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon and the remains will be laid at rest in the family lot in Rose Hill cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

The following sweet sentiment, in the form of resolutions, have been adopted by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church:

It is little matter at what hour of the day the righteous fall asleep,
Death cannot come to him untimely who has learned to die.

Whereas, Since our last meeting death has removed one, who, although not an active member, was an interested member of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church our prosperity was her delight.

Resolved, That it is a fitting tribute to the memory of Mrs. Eunice Colegrove that we mourn the loss of one whose words, kind wishes and generous gifts were an inspiration to work ever towards the end for which the society was organized.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the family of our sister and commend them to Him who is too wise to err and who doeth all things well.

J. C. Hamlin has just received a fresh stock of Campbell's Varnish stains. These are easy to apply and are very useful for staining and varnishing furniture, floors and interior woodwork. Better ask for color card.

Notice.

I have placed all my accounts with Mr. G. W. Campbell, who is authorized to make collections and give receipts.
JOHN CLARK, M. D.

Hand painted postal and Easter cards at Hogarth's.

NEW CHURCH TO BE OPENED NEXT SUNDAY.

The Beautiful St. Elizabeth's Church About Completed.

IT IS AN IMPOSING BUILDING.

The First Service in the New Building will be held at 10:30 a. m. next Sunday—No Special Service at this Time—Description of the Church and Parsonage.

The imposing and beautiful new St. Elizabeth's church will be opened for the first service next Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. and from then on services will be held on every Sunday but only for morning service as the chandeliers have not as yet arrived but it is expected they will be in position for services on the evening of Good Friday. The building will not be entirely completed but will be so near it that it can be used. Some few little details have yet to be finished and when these are finished it will mark the completion of one of the prettiest church edifices in this diocese, and one that not only the priest and congregation of St. Elizabeth's can point with pride but every resident of Smethport as well.

To the pastor, Rev. J. F. Dugan, much credit must be given for this beautiful church for it has been he that has worked for this church, planned its erection and labored zealously all during its erection. It is built according to his ideas and the people have acceded to these ideas. Only last April, on the 18th, the ground for the new church was broken and since that time nearly every one has watched with pride each and every day's work.

In company with Father Dugan the writer was taken through the building one day this week and as it was our first visit our surprise was complete as we entered the front doors and gazed upon the beautiful interior. The auditorium, which will seat 350 persons, and furniture, pews, confessionals, etc., are done in oak, while the decorating on the walls and ceiling are done to represent the sky and the harmonizing tints are beautiful beyond comparison. The altar and two side altars are finished in white pine trimmed in white and gold, and blend beautifully with the other portions of the building.

In the basement all the necessary equipment for a dining room are to be seen. There is a kitchen, pantry, celler and a large well-lighted dining hall. The floors in the basement are all of cement. It is the intention to hold all suppers, socials and such other events of a like nature in the basement and it will make an ideal place. The church building is heated with hot air. The only article lacking now is the pipe organ and in about two months one will be installed. At any rate it has been ordered and will be shipped as soon as possible.

THE PARSONAGE.

We also made a visit to the parsonage and here we found it very pleasantly arranged and from celler to attic the plans of Father Dugan have been successfully carried out. After entering the main door on Franklin street one enters the vestibule, to the right of this is the office and adjoining this room is a breakfast room. To the left of the vestibule is the sitting room and dining room. These two rooms together with the vestibule, are of Georgia white pine done in oak while the remainder of the first floor is done in natural white pine. On this floor is a large and well lighted kitchen and also a pantry containing all the necessary cupboards and shelves. The second floor is finished with Georgia white pine and done in the natural wood with the exception of the bishop's bed room which is on the left and is finished in white and gold. There are two other bed rooms, a sitting room and bath room on this floor besides a number of clothes presses. The third floor contains four pretty bed rooms all finished in light green. In mentioning the parsonage the basement must not be overlooked for in this part of the building there is a large, bright room which will be used by the Ladies' Aid Society, and then, too, in another part there is a well equipped laundry with all the necessary accessories.

The building is heated by hot water and is nearly completed. Rev. Dugan is pleasantly located in the building, although there are some of the rooms to be finished but it will be only a question of a very short time before all this is completed.

Fine Fall Millinery.

For all the latest creations in fall and winter millinery you should see my stock. The very finest materials and best style is used in all my headgear.
CARRIE REILLY CLARK.

Subscribe for the Miner.

"His Majesty and the Maid."

The annual tour of Mary Emerson what ever play she may select to appear in is always an event of importance in local theatrical circles. Miss Emerson is now one of the Nixon & Zimmerman coterie of stars, and this means that the matter of scenic equipment, costuming and strength of supporting cast, nothing but the best will be tolerated. Miss Emerson is using as her vehicle this season a play which has been tried and proved, namely, "His Majesty and the Maid," a romantic piece in four acts. This ingenious play is somewhat similar in style and construction to the Anthony Hope dramas like "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Rupert of Hentzau," in that the kingdom is located in a fictitious principality of Germany and the same glamour of romance surrounds the story. Miss Emerson will appear as Alicia, the daughter of the reigning king. She has been brought up in the home of a peasant family and does not learn of her royal parentage until she has reached her teens. Her father the king, is beset with plots of all kinds and in order to frustrate them Alicia dons a boy's attire and joins the schemers. She learns their plans but is discovered and compelled to fight for her life, the result being that the guilty ones are defeated in their bloody purpose and Alicia is reunited to her father at the latter's palace. Miss Emerson needs no introduction to local play goers for nearly all have either seen her or heard of her clever work. She will be seen in this city soon and judging from the pronounced interest displayed a crowded house will greet her. At Smethport Lyceum, March 25, 1907.

The Olean Team Wins.

The Smethport High School basket ball team met defeat at the Lyceum last Friday evening at the hands of the high school team of Olean by a score of 55 to 10. Although the score shows the game to have been one-sided and the locals not having much of a chance still it was very interesting to the spectators as the boys from Olean are adept at the game and play such a pretty game it is a pleasure to watch them make the plays. There is not a poor player on the team and each one had an opportunity of throwing several goals, while the only Smethport man successful in throwing the basket was Pancoast, who had four goals to his credit, and two on fouls, making the entire score of 10.

The local team have had rather hard luck this season in basket ball playing, only winning one game. Still they have made an excellent showing when it is taken into consideration that this is their first year and the teams they have played with are old and experienced in the game. Next year the greenness will have worn away and then a better showing will be made.

Following is the line-up of the teams:

SMETHPORT 10.	OLEAN 54.
Pancoast, f.	Ball, f.
Glavin, f.	Thompson, f.
Rush, c.	Hill, c.
Lyons, g.	Ferris, g
McGowan, g.	Chamberlain, g.

A preliminary game was played between the Star Midgets and Sub Midgets, resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 12 to 8.

Mr. Barrett Has a Narrow Escape.

George Barrett, who resides on Union street between Main and King streets, had a narrow escape from having his home completely destroyed by fire and perhaps death to him last Friday evening.

As F. J. Dunbar was on his way to the G. H. McCoy residence he saw smoke issuing from the second story windows of the Barrett house. He hastened to the scene and was trying to gain access to the back door, when Joseph Mundy, hearing him, hurried to the place and the two went into the building and rushed upstairs. In opening the door leading to a bedroom they discovered the room filled with smoke and Mr. Barrett lying asleep on the bed.

With much difficulty they awakened him and proceeded to throw the burning bed clothes out of a nearby window. Some other portions of the room were quickly extinguished before the hose company arrived. Both Mr. Mundy and Mr. Dunbar are of the opinion that it is miraculous that Mr. Barrett was not suffocated, and it is almost certain that had not assistance came when it did he undoubtedly would have been overcome by the flames and smoke and burned to death.

The origin of the fire is not known. There was no gas in the house and the lamp used by Mr. Barrett was setting on a stand near the bed.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Smethport for the week ending March 11, 1907:

O. B. Craig, Mrs. Susie Colegrove, A. N. Coats, Mrs. Minnie Coats, Jak Nesmet, P. O. Keenan, Miss Edna Smith, Mrs. Delia Welch.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

A Bill Which Should Pass.

A bill has just been introduced into the State Senate creating a State Civil Service Commission charged with the duty of establishing the competitive examination system in state offices. The measure provides for the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners, not more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party. They are required to conduct practical examinations which shall fairly and adequately test the relative qualifications of every man who applies for a position in the subordinate offices under the state government. Those who pass these examinations are to be rated according to the fitness which they have shown not only in the written examinations but also in practical test of durability.

When a vacancy exists in the service the appointing officer is required to select one of the three highest persons on the eligible list which has been prepared as the result of the examination for that particular position. There is a strict requirement that throughout the civil service both in appointments and in removals no discriminations shall be exercised in favor of or against any person because of his political or religious opinions.

The system provided for in this bill has proved so successful in other states such as New York and Massachusetts and in the federal offices, that no reason can be advanced why it should not be established within this State. The experience of Philadelphia under a similar law, passed at the recent special session of the Legislature has indicated very clearly that the Merritt System has gradually improved the character of the municipal employees and has freed the office holders from the terror of political coercion. The proposed bill applies not only to the State offices but also to the offices of those counties which have a population exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand persons.

In his Inauguration Address Governor Stuart urged the passage of an adequate Civil Service Reform Act, and it is in response to this suggestion that this bill has been presented to the Legislature. No more cogent argument could be found in support to such a bill than the following statement of President Roosevelt, made during a recent conference at Washington:

"I am now naturally brought into relation with one or number of important offices in different branches of the Government throughout this country and I continually have to settle the question of the efficiency with which they are handled. Practically without exception I find that an office in which there is laxness in administration of the civil service law, where there is an effort to circumvent the law, where there is an effort to get around it, is an office in which poor service is rendered; the chance for fraud, for speculation, for dishonesty is always greater in such an office than in the office where the law is well and faithfully observed. If the appointing officer administers the civil service law in a spirit of hostility to it, if he tries to evade it or violate it, it has been my experience that in the great majority of cases inefficiency and corruption are sure to obtain. And while of course it is true that the observance of the civil service law can never result in a thoroughly efficient administration of any office, yet I can in fact more and more to feel that the observance of the letter and spirit of the civil service law is the first requisite in obtaining clean, decent efficient governmental service in any branch or bureau of the Government."

Putting It Strongly.

About the only men who learn a trade any more are those who are sent to the penitentiary. The country is being imposed upon more and more every year by men who have not the trade which they claim to understand. As soon as a young man can distinguish the difference between a hand-saw and a jack-plane he is a "carpenter." If he can tell mortar from pancake batter he is a plasterer. If he can tell a paint brush from a whisk broom he hangs up his sign as a painter. If he can tell the difference between a shooting stick and a job stick he is a printer, qualified to travel and receive wages as such. If he can screw the lid on a fruit can so it can't leak, he is a plumber. Lawyers and doctors are obliged to pass examinations in their professions before they are permitted to engage in their work, but the public is imposed upon by so called carpenters, painters, plumbers, printers, who never learn a trade; imposed upon by men "who butt in" in a trade, a business, or a profession which they do not understand and have not fitted themselves for.—Mankato (Kas.) Advocate.

Bradford Institute of Osteopathy

Treats all diseases and deformities. Specialties—rheumatism, asthma, liver, stomach, kidney and female troubles. Dr. McClaren is a regular graduate and one of the oldest practitioners. Will pay car fare of out of town patients. Eloskey building, Bradford, Pa.

Many goods at cost at store of D. C. Young to reduce stock for spring goods. Call and look over bargains.

Hand painted postal and Easter cards at Hogarth's.

Armstrong's Reliable Jewelry Store

Is, as ever, headquarters for everything in the line of

Standard Jewelry.

If you wish to be ON TIME buy your

Watch or Clock

at this reliable establishment. Prices are right,

Stock is Complete,

Goods are the Best, therefore your patronage is solicited.

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C. J. Vanblad

Practical Horseshoer.

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and
BLACKSMITHING

in a satisfactory manner.

DIED SUDDENLY OF HEART DISEASE.

How frequently does a head line similar to the above greet us in the newspapers. The rush, push and strenuousness of the American people has a strong tendency to lend up to valvular and other affections of the heart, attended by irregular action, palpitation, dizziness, smothered sensations and other distressing symptoms.

Three of the prominent ingredients of which Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made are recommended by some of the leading writers on *Materia Medica* for the cure of just such cases. Golden Seal root, for instance, is said by the United States Dispensatory, a standard authority, "to impart tone and increased power to the heart's action." Numerous other leading authorities represent Golden Seal as an unsurpassed tonic for the muscular system in general, and as the heart is almost wholly composed of muscular tissue, it naturally follows that it must be greatly strengthened by this superb, general tonic. But probably the most important ingredient of "Golden Medical Discovery," so far as its marvelous cures of valvular and other affections of the heart are concerned, is Stone root, or *Collinsonia Can.*, Prof. Wm. Paine, author of Paine's Epitomy of Medicine, says of it:

"I, not long since, had a patient who was so much oppressed with valvular disease of the heart that his friends were obliged to carry him upstairs. He, however, gradually recovered under the influence of Collinsonia (medicinal principle extracted from Stone root), and is now attending to his business. Heretofore physicians knew of no remedy for the removal of so distressing and so dangerous a malady. With them it was all guess-work, and it fearfully warned the afflicted that death was near at hand. Collinsonia unquestionably affords relief in such cases, and in most instances effects a cure."

Stone root is also recommended by Drs. Hale and Ellingwood, of Chicago, for valvular and other diseases of the heart. The latter says: "It is a heart tonic of direct and *permanent* influence."

"Golden Medical Discovery," not only cures serious heart affections, but is a most efficient general tonic and invigorator, strengthening the stomach, invigorating the liver, regulating the bowels and curing catarrhal affections in all parts of the system.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure Constipation.

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If your lights are not satisfactory try our [illegible] for [illegible]

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Mantles Globes Burners Drop Lights

Stoves, Ranges, China and Glassware.

J. C. HAMLIN

The Big Store. SMETHPORT, PA.

McKean County Miner

Smethport, Thursday, Mar. 14, 1907.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—The Rev. Thomas Cardus of Olean will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday next.

—Mr. Bruce Stull and Miss Iva Carpenter, both of Eldred, were married at Arcade, N. Y., last week.

—After the regular rehearsal of St. Luke's choir last Friday evening a lunch was served to them by Mrs. D. C. Young and Miss Young. The treat was much enjoyed by the members.

—The better the preparation the more efficient the work that will be done by our teachers. Edinboro Normal School prepares teachers to do good work. Spring term begins March 26th. John F. Bigler, prin.

—On Thursday evening, March 21st, the Rev. Frederick H. Wright, pastor of the American Church in Rome and presiding elder of the Naples District, 1889-1906, will speak in the Methodist Episcopal church on "The Italian as I Know Him."

—L. S. Conklin of Kane was arrested in Bradford last Saturday on the charge of selling a book of an obscene nature. It is said the work is an attack on the Catholic church and is of a most degrading nature. He was placed under $200 bail to appear at the June term of criminal court.

—At the last meeting of the Round Table Club F. D. Gallup opened the discussion on the subject, "Do we derive our greatest benefit from the concentration of capital?" Mr. Gallup gave the club a very interesting and instructive address, which was followed by a very interesting discussion. At the next meeting Dr Brown will open the subject, "Hypnotism and some of its relative phenomena." The meeting will be next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

—The papers of the large cities are all right if you want them, but it is your own home paper that advertises your churches, your numerous societies, sympathizes with you in your prosperity. In short it is the local paper that mentions the thousand and one items in which you are interested during the years, and they are not to be found in papers of large cities. Do you help to support your home paper by giving it your patronage or do you only have use for it when you want some free advertising?—Exchange.

One Sided Justice.

"Roy Bean, Justice of the Peace—The Law West of the Pecos," was the sign over the shanty where lived the man who for years was the only representative of the law in the great territory west of the Pecos river in Texas. Langtry, named for the Jersey Lily, was his postoffice, and he did business under the honorary title of Chief Justice Bean of the Pecos, making a tidy sum on the side by selling postal cards bearing the picture of his queer justice shop. Years ago, when the Southern Pacific was being built, some cowboys came in on a tear and shot up the town, incidentally killing three Chinese coolies who were working on the railroad. There was a roundup, and the cowboys were brought before Squire Bean. There was much testimony, and the trial was long. At its end he gravely said:

"The testimony shows that these three Chinamen were killed by some of the men on trial. It is pretty clear who did the fatal shooting, but the prosecution has utterly and entirely failed to show where the statutes of the state of Texas make it a crime for a white man to shoot a Chinaman. The prisoners are discharged."—New York Sun.

A Chinese Chair of Repentance.

The knife chair is an instrument of torture used in certain Taiping religious ceremonies, which takes the form of a straight backed armchair furnished with long blades wherever the body and limbs touch the chair. On the back the knives are placed horizontally; on the seat, as well as at the base for the feet to rest upon, vertically, while each arm is made of a similar blade, along the edge of which the sitter's arm rests. These blades are sharpened with a whetstone before us.—Wide World Magazine.

She Well Knew.

Gayley—You haven't had occasion to accuse me of playing poker for two years. Mrs. Gayley—Three years, my dear. Gayley—How do you know it's three years? Mrs. Gayley—Because I've worn this dress that long, and I got it the last time I caught you.—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Feminine View.

"When I was young, my dear, girls were not allowed to sit up so late with young men."

"Then, papa, why do you allow me to do so? It would be so much more interesting if you would only forbid it."—Judge.

Every one knows that Spring is the season of the year when the system needs cleaning. Dade's Little Liver Pills are highly recommended. Try them. Sold by Dr. Chadwick, Palace Pharmacy, Smethport, Pa.; O. A. Anderson, Coleg[illegible]

MOONSHINING.

More Illicit Stills in New York City Than in Kentucky.

"Don't talk to me about moonshining in Kentucky," said the internal revenue agent. "There's more moonshining going on all the time in little old New York than could be done in ten Kentuckys. In the crowded sections of the east and west sides stills spring up right along and for awhile conduct a flourishing business in the low grade whisky they manufacture. You see, it doesn't take much trouble to equip a still with corn and yeast and start in to make the mash, which is finally turned out as a pretty poor sort of whisky. The great difficulty is in getting rid of the peculiar smoke and odor from the stills without exciting suspicion. This is usually attempted by running the still in connection with a dye shop or some other chemical enterprise as a blind. We keep watch on all such establishments and have the town well covered by sharp eyed and sharp nosed agents besides. We are constantly arresting these small moonshiners and sending them to jail. But others spring up in their places for you to say with safety that, as I say. There's more moonshining going on in New York city right along than there could be in ten Kentuckys."—New York Sun.

THE PIANOFORTE.

A Direct Descendant of the Clavichord and Harpsichord.

The pianoforte was directly evolved from the clavichord and the harpsichord. In 1711 Scipione Maffei gave a detailed account of the first four instruments, which were built by Bartolommeo Cristofori, named by him pianoforte, and exhibited in 1709.

Marius in France exhibited harpsichords, with hammer action, in 1716, and Schroter in Germany claimed to have invented the pianoforte between 1717 and 1721. Marius at first was generally credited with the invention, for it was not until 1738, when Cristofori's instruments had become famous, that the Italian advanced his claim, and it was in 1763 that he brought forward the proof of his contention.

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Lord Erskine.

From nobleman to lord chancellor is a very far cry. Lord Erskine, however, whom Lord Campbell once described as "the greatest advocate of ancient or modern times, did not find much difficulty in reaching the woolsack, although he started life as a "nobody" and did not settle down to study law until he was twenty-five years of age. His defense of Captain Baillie prosecuted for his exposures of gross abuses at the admiralty, raised him from an obscure lawyer to a foremost position at the bar, and thirty briefs were offered him before he left the court. From that time until he became chancellor in 1806 his career was marked by a long list of successes.—London Standard.

To Make Your Hair Curl.

A curious recipe for making the hair curl "naturally" is given in an ancient household notebook and is as follows: "In the early spring, when the sap of the wild grapevine begins to flow, take a bottle to the woods and fix it under an incision made in the vine, through which the sap may drip, and leave it there till it is filled. The same subtle chemistry which curls the tendrils of the vine will act upon the hair and twist it into softer rings than the ubiquitous hot iron or any of the patent curlers of the day. The sap should be allowed to ferment all it will before it is corked. When ready for use it should be rubbed into the hair with a soft sponge."

Saved by Ghouls.

Misson in his "Medical Anecdotes" tells of a woman, the wife of a consul, who was buried alive in Cologne in 1577. She was dressed for the tomb in gay attire, with jewels, as on her wedding day. Robbers came at night and were taking the rings from her damp and swollen fingers when she suddenly sat bolt upright, stared at them and smiled. They fled in terror, and the lady rose and walked home, where she was received at first with fear, afterward with great joy. She lived many years afterward in perfect health.

His Definitions.

"Faith," said Brother Williams, "is de faculty what kin turn de song er a sawmill into de hallelujah er de angels."

"An' what is hope?"

"Hope is de faculty what keeps you lookin' for something you never gits."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Chair.

Uncle (visiting nephew at school on prize giving day)—How many voices are there in your chapel choir? Nephew—About seven. Uncle—Why, I had an impression that it had forty or fifty members. Nephew—So it has, but you asked me how many voices.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Tea Biscuits.

Miss Birdie Livingston (taking her first meal at the Biddle's) "These tea biscuits of yours are exquisite."

The Biddle—Oh, I am [illegible] have you say so. I was [illegible] afraid I had put [illegible] them.—Woman's [illegible]

A foolish [illegible] of little [illegible]

[illegible]

"I [illegible]

What do you do for [illegible]?"

"Please, mum, I work for the Society of Psychical Research."

"Indeed! And what work do you do for the society, pray?"

"I help in the investigation of material spirits."—Baltimore American.

Savage Surgery in Africa.

Queer methods have the savage native surgeons of Africa. What is the secret of their success it is not easy to conceive, but savage doctors effect cures in spite of the most atrocious treatment of their patients. One of the party who was hearing Livingstone's body to the coast was shot through the leg, shattering a thigh bone. This is how they treated him: First they dug a pit and buried him in it in such a posture that his head and arms were free. Then they covered the earth about his legs with a thick layer of sand. Upon this were heaped leaves and grass, to which fire was applied, directly over the fracture of the limb. The heat gradually worked down to the wound, and the man suffered renewed agonies. After awhile he was taken out and held quite fast while two giants with all their might stretched the shattered leg. Splints were duly applied, and the man was pronounced on the way to a complete cure. That was the normal practice successfully followed for this class of case.—London Standard.

Early Northwest Voyages.

Beginning with the American discoveries of John Cabot in 1497, the search for the Northwest passage was for many years the object of rival expeditions from Denmark, England, France and Portugal. It was England, however, who in 1576-78 first gave a distinct national character to the quest. John Davis, of Davis strait, followed in three voyages, 1585-88, and then, in 1612, came the illustrious and hapless Henry Hudson, whose motto was that explorers should "achieve what they had undertaken or else give reasons wherefore it will not be." The search from the Atlantic side closed for two centuries with the voyage of a great seaman, William Baffin, who, in a tiny boat of fifty-five tons, with a miserable equipment, but an undaunted heart, attained in 1616 the highest north in the western hemisphere, 77 degrees 45 minutes N., and discovered three sounding sounds, Jones, Smith and Lancaster, the last being the eastern entrance to the long sought passage.—A. W. Greely in Century.

Colors to the Blind.

[illegible] any connection of color?" [illegible] "When [illegible] hear red [illegible] is sound, or, rather, music. When I hear the word red, for example, I instantly think of a high piercing note of music. Blue is to me a delicately sounded note, fairly high and pleasing in tone. Green is a soft tone and rather low, quiet and restful, while yellow is lively, quick little notes rapidly sounding and causing pleasure almost to laughter. Black, alas, is the only color we can realize, for we are told that that is the absence of all light, and we know only too well what that means."

The Word "Idiot."

"Idiot" is a word with a curious history. In Greek "idiotes" began by meaning a private individual, as opposed to the state or to a state official; then it meant a nonexpert or layman and finally an ignorant man or an awkward fellow. It was left for English to carry the meaning further to mental deficiency. In "Piers Plowman" an "idiot" is an ignorant person, and as late as 1698 it could mean a person who knew only one language. Wyclif and Jeremy Taylor used it in the sense of "layman," and the latter also in that of "private person." And a professional "fool" or jester was at one time an "idiot" too.

A Fair Catch.

So strongly had the theory and practice of ambidexterity appealed to the burgesses and freemen of Pushville that they called a meeting to urge the necessity of bringing up children to use both left and right hands with equal facility.

"I defy any one in this audience to mention a single act, a thing I can perform with my right hand which I cannot do equally well with my left hand," cried one of the speakers.

There was a short pause, and then a voice at the back of the hall cried:

"Try putting it in your right hand trousers pocket, guv'nor."—London Queen.

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